

# Bond Issue May Pave Western

## WOULD PAVE WESTERN AVE. BY BONDING

### C. of C. Sees Chance of Mountains to Sea Highway

Torrance and Lomita will be on a direct road from the mountains to the sea, if the plans of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, for the paving of Western avenue to the city limits is accepted by the board of trustees and bonds are voted for the project by the people.

This most important assurance was given Thursday when a special committee of the Chamber of Commerce reported in favor of a general bond issue for the pavement. The committee consisted of J. C. McVey, George Peckham and Alfred Gourder, who went over the problem carefully with the city engineer.

The report of the committee emphasizes the advantage to Torrance to be gained from the paving of Western.

It is pointed out that the city of Los Angeles is now paving the two-mile strip between Slauson avenue and Manchester and that a sub-base has recently been laid between Electric avenue and 190th street. The committee reported that assurance has been given them that the county will pave the strip between 190th street and the northern limits of Torrance.

The committee recommends that a 30-foot pavement be laid, the cost to be paid by a bond issue of the entire city. The committee believes that the enormous benefit that would accrue from the through highway running through Torrance would be felt by every person and firm in the city.

It is certain that the trustees will follow the recommendation of the directors. When informed Wednesday night of the appointment of a special committee by the chamber the trustees informally expressed pleasure at the completion of Western avenue paving from the mountains to the sea by way of Torrance and Lomita would be the biggest thing that could happen to the district.

## Seek Cabrillo Ave. Pavement From the P. E.

Merchants on Cabrillo avenue are not satisfied with the promise of the Pacific Electric to put crushed stone on the right of way between the P. E. tracks in the center of the thoroughfare. They want pavement. Secretary Gadeky of the Chamber of Commerce reported the matter to P. E. officials this week and was requested to present its representations in a letter. The P. E. officials did not promise to pave between the tracks, but Secretary Gadeky is optimistic.

## Bullets Will Fly In Torrance Soon; But Don't Worry

Pellets of lead, impelled from the "gates" of the sure-shot policemen will soon be flying promiscuously around this section of the great and golden west.

For Torrance policemen are going to start shooting.

But don't worry—unless you happen to live in the vicinity of the targets they set up. They aren't going to aim at anything more animated than a bullseye.

The board of trustees voted Wednesday night to provide ammunition for the force, so that they might train their shooting eyes.

Trustee Froter evidenced some doubt as to the accuracy of the local guardians of the law when it comes to putting hunks of lead to a given point. He requested the chief to let him know the days when the force will practice so that he might get an early start for Los Angeles.

## IDEAL BOARDING HOUSE

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Parker arrived here last Friday and are receiving visits from their many friends who are rejoicing at the continued improvement in Mr. Parker's physical condition.

Mrs. Alice Thomas of Montagu, Calif., will arrive here next week for an extended visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Farley Johnson, senior.

A picnic luncheon at Griffith park was greatly enjoyed Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. Farley Johnson, senior, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Farley Johnson, junior, and little daughter and Floyd Parker.

## MAKE QUILT

The Ladies' Aid of the Baptist church are making a beautiful quilt for the parsonage.



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## See Great Center Of Industry Here In Santa Fe Plans

### Torrance Line Will Bring New Factories to District

Trains will be running into Torrance over the Santa Fe this Fall.

This is the message of Santa Fe officials, who this week announced the actual construction of the railroad to tap the rich industrial Torrance district has already been started on the Los Angeles end of the line.

Local business men and industrial leaders are certain that the arrival of the Santa Fe railroad to Torrance will be followed by a great industrial boom in the district.

### Boost Industries

The Santa Fe maintains a special department for the purpose of locating industries along the Santa Fe right of way. It is known officially that several industries are making tentative plans to locate in Torrance when Santa Fe freight service is started.

In addition to the line to San Pedro, through Torrance, the Santa Fe announces that a spur will be built to the Torrance district oil fields. This decision on the part of the great railway system adds weight to the contention that the Torrance field promises to be one of long production.

### To Cost \$1,500,000

The extension of the Santa Fe from El Segundo to Wilmington will cost \$1,500,000. The line may not be extended to the harbor until next year, but it is assured that trains will be in operation to and from Torrance by autumn.

The new line will require the construction of seven bridges so that the road will not cross Pacific Electric tracks at the grade.

It is on these bridges that work is now going forward. The first of these bridges is at the El Nido street intersection of the Pacific Electric. Workmen started pouring concrete on this bridge last week.

### Three Mile Spur

W. K. Etter, acting general manager of the Santa Fe, announces that the three-mile spur to the oil fields, which will run west of Torrance will be constructed while the main line is being built. This spur will cost \$175,000.

The line is being built by Sharp and Fellows, Los Angeles contractors.

The importance of the Santa Fe line into Torrance cannot be over-emphasized, according to business men who are in close touch with the industrial situation. The Chamber of Commerce is now negotiating with industries who have their eyes on this industrial district, as one well served by transportation facilities and boasting unequalled working conditions.

### See Great Future

Any hesitancy these industries may have had concerning the advisability of locating here will probably be removed by the actual construction of the Santa Fe line.

Officials of the Chamber of Commerce see in the haste of the Santa Fe to complete the Torrance line, good reason to believe that the railroad companies and large industries plan to make Torrance the center of the greatest industrial district in California.

## GIRLS' CLUB BENEFIT DANCE

The Union Tool Girls' club is putting on a benefit dance this evening, June 29, in American Legion hall. "The Seven Buddies," a colored orchestra from Los Angeles, will furnish the jazz and the entertainment committee a few little surprises. Don't miss it. It'll be good. The admission will be 50 cents. Proceeds to go to the Children's hospital.

## OIL PAINTS GILMORE NO. 1 CROWN BLOCK

### 28 - Gravity Petroleum Flows at 1,000 Barrel Rate

Testing 28 gravity and flowing between 1000 and 1200 barrels, Gilmore No. 1 on Dr. Norman A. Leake's property on Carson street was brought in Tuesday, and is now rated as the best producer in the field. The well is the furthest east of the producing wells and offsets the Hub Oil company's Smith No. 1 which is now sidetracking a liner at 3600 feet and is being put down to 3800 feet. The Gilmore well was completed at 3650 feet after passing through approximately 500 feet of oil sand and shale.

### Paints Crown Block

The well decorated the crown block of the derrick despite the fact that a swabber was lost in the hole Tuesday afternoon while it was being swabbed out preparatory to being put on production. The gas pressure on the casing at the time the well was brought in was 630 pounds.

It was reported yesterday that if the drillers have good luck in sidetracking the liner in the Hub's Smith No. 1 that well would be on production again within a week's time.

Considerable importance is attached to the showing in the wells on the north side of Carson street. In as much as they may give a definite clew to the future development of the field. So far the production of Gilmore No. 1 and the early performance of the Hub's Smith No. 1 have been contrary to expectations and have been better than the wells on the south side of Carson street. The prevailing opinion is that the field runs off to the southeast, but there are a few geologists who point out that no definite anticline has yet been developed in the field and that there are indications of a monocline.

A successful water shutoff was reported in the Chanslor Canfield Midway's Torrance No. 6 yesterday and the well is now being drilled into the oil sand. It was cemented at 3254 and offsets the

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## OLD FRIENDS MEET

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Hopkins and daughter of Long Beach were recent guests at the Rev. J. M. Morris home. Twenty-five years ago in Brockton, Mass., Rev. Morris was pastor of the M. E. church and Mr. Hopkins was president of the Epworth League. They met accidentally a short time ago in a store here where Mr. Hopkins had called in the cause of his work as salesman for the Jevne company.

## HERE'S A LESSON

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Wesley and son Harry once lived and owned property in Torrance.

A few years ago they sold their property and moved away.

Now they are back, wondering at the growth of this city, meeting old friends and wishing that they hadn't left.

Mr. Wesley is now in the banking business at Sanitico, Ventura county.

He is astonished at the strides that Torrance is making and the future promise of the city.

## Will Build 70-Room Hotel

### CARRIER BOYS WILL BRING HERALD TO YOUR DOOR EACH WEEK HEREAFTER

Starting with this issue The Herald will be delivered by carrier boys each Thursday to all subscribers in the city of Torrance.

The carrier-boy system of distribution is advisable at this time for several urgent reasons.

The Herald seeks to give the best service possible to subscribers. Under the carrier boy system subscribers will have the paper delivered at their homes and will no longer need to call at the postoffice.

Torrance is growing rapidly and so is the circulation of The Herald. With this growth in circulation the mail delivery system has become unwieldy. So the big city system of carrier boy delivery is substituted.

We have engaged a competent corps of Torrance boys who are happy to earn money by carrying The Herald.

We have also inaugurated a special delivery service. In case your paper does not arrive by Friday morning a telephone call to The Herald—Phone 1-J—will bring a special Herald delivery boy to your door.

Herald carriers have been instructed to leave the paper where you want it left. Watch for your boy next Thursday.

If you want the paper put in the letter box or behind the screen door, tell him so. He has been instructed to follow your wishes.

We like boys. We are glad to work with them. And we have some fine plans in mind for our carrier boys as soon as their organization is perfected. There might even be a free show or so for them occasionally. You never can tell.

Yours for better service,  
CIRCULATION MANAGER,  
THE TORRANCE HERALD.

## LOCAL TRACT IS SOLD TO OUTSIDE MEN

### Babcock & Jones Make Public Details of Deal

The well known real estate firm of Babcock and Jones report that a deal has been closed for Lot No. 9 in No. 19 Torrance Tract. The purchasers of this tract are Harry W. Boles, president of the State Bank of Venice, and W. J. Kennedy, associated with the Geo. W. Cashin company of Hollywood.

Mr. Boles and Mr. Kennedy stated that they propose to erect an industrial hotel, ranging from 60 to 70 rooms, which will rent at popular prices.

The need for such a project is well known in Torrance and there can be no doubt but that it will be successful from the start as well as proving a big asset to Torrance.

It is also reported that a limited number of citizens of Torrance will be invited to participate in this new enterprise which is the initial move to create a corporation to carry on extensive building operations in Torrance.

Harry W. Boles is also associated with the Hellman interests of California and W. J. Kennedy is also president of the Southern California Building company.

## Will Seek Bigger Water Lines For Northwest Section

Increased piping facilities to insure an adequate water supply for residents of the northwest section of the city will be sought by the board of trustees, who Wednesday night voted that the city engineer discuss the lack of facilities in this district with officials of the Torrance Water, Light and Power company.

It was pointed out by residents that some streets were served by two-inch lines only. One resident declared that if anyone else on the street was taking a bath, he had to wait his turn. Others declared that two residents could not sprinkle lawns at the same time. The company will be requested to increase the size of the small lines to 6-inch pipes, so that the district may be protected from fire and to represent that the pipes should be laid before the streets out that way are paved.

## Clean Up Debris For Fourth Is Advise

If there is any inflammable debris around your place of business or your house, you'd better clean it up before the Fourth, according to the advice of the board of trustees, who Wednesday night instructed the chiefs of the fire and police departments to see that the danger of fire is reduced to a minimum before Independence Day.

## MEET AFTER MANY YEARS

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Fowler and son Homer of Chicago were recent guests at the home of their cousin, Harry Bale of Carson street. It was the first time in 30 years that the cousins had met. The Chicagoans had also visited Mr. Bale's mother in Seattle. Mr. Fowler is an official of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad and only duties that cannot be neglected prevent the family from remaining here. True to form, they are "wild" about California.

## CHANGE FORUM SYSTEM

In order to interest an increasingly large number of people by change of directing personnel, the Chamber of Commerce directors voted Tuesday to change the forum committee each three months. The present committee was given a vote of thanks for their efforts during the past six months.

## THANK MR. VONDERAHE

Chamber of Commerce directors Tuesday received an offer from Charles Vonderahe of free office space on Carson avenue. Owing to the fact that the board of trustees has offered the space in the city hall rent free the offer was declined and a letter of appreciation written to Mr. Vonderahe.

## THIS YEAR'S FIESTA PLANS TAKING FORM

Plans are rapidly shaping themselves for the Torrance Exposition and Fiesta to be held on the lot west of the Union Tool company July 31 to Aug. 4.

The Legion has been fortunate in being able to secure the services of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Carlton, owners of the Southern California Exposition company, to promote and manage the event this year. Mr. and Mrs. Carlton come to Torrance with recommendations of the first degree from chambers of commerce and business men in other California cities. They are the only exposition firm in the state owning all of their equipment and enjoy an enviable reputation in the exposition business.

### Getting Publicity

Torrance already is receiving considerable publicity from the coming event. Stickers on automobile windshields are announcing the event on cars of Torrance men and women. By next week the main highways of Southern California will be flamboyant with large cards pointing the way to Torrance and heralding the exposition and fiesta.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton promise a clean, well-managed event, with shows of a high order. Their equipment is exceptionally well suited to exposition work.

Details of the exposition and fiesta plans will be announced later.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton announce that they will endeavor to secure the support of Lomita business men in this year's exposition.

## POSTPONE PAVING PARLEY

Residents of the Amapola street district Wednesday night requested the board of trustees to postpone discussion of the matter of paving the streets in the district until July 3. The request was granted. During the week residents plan to meet with the city engineer to discuss plans. The residents wish to know as nearly as possible what it will cost to pave the streets with crushed stone and oil and what the cost will be for concrete-asphaltic pavement.

## Lomita Man Joins Mission Play Cast

Roland Page of Weston street has joined the cast of the Mission Play and is one of the Spanish dancers.

## STREET DANCE FRIDAY NIGHT ON CABRILLO

Street dancing, souvenirs and receptions will make of the opening of the new Rappaport block Friday night a social event of unusual interest. Busch's orchestra will play. Rappaport's, Seelig's and the Beacon Drug company have planned special features for the entertainment of the many hundreds who are expected to attend.

Those located in Seelig's new market will be the American Markets, the Lomita Market No. 3 and the Globe Bakery company.

The building itself is one of which Torrance and its builders are proud. It is this pride which prompts the unusually attractive opening program.

Complete data on the program is contained in a special section of this paper on the inside. It will bear close scrutiny.

## Father of Torrance Man Killed in L. A.

Struck by an automobile on Vernon avenue, Los Angeles, Andy Hurasti, O. C. Rapier's father, was killed. Funeral services were held in Los Angeles Monday.

## Praises Efficiency of Fire Apparatus

Speed and efficiency of the fire department and new apparatus was praised in a letter from J. Isenstein received by the board of trustees Wednesday night.

# Forum Meets at Legion Hall on Monday